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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL

1. ON MAY 11, SENIOR NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICER U.S. UMAR CALLED ON CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION TO REQUEST THE PARTICIPATION OF SENIOR UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL IN 3 MONTH COURSE FOR NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO BE HELD FROM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST 1977 AT THE IKEJA POLICE COLLEGE NEAR LAGOS.

2. MR. UMAR OUTLINED COURSE AS CRITICAL VIEW OF IMMIGRATION LAW WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES AT PORTS OF ENTRY INTO NIGERIA. THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION INTENDS TO INVITE SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS FROM GREAT BRITAIN, CANADA, INDIA, BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE PART IN THE SESSIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE NIGERIAN OFFICIALS TO BENEFIT FROM BROADER EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. ROUGHLY DESCRIBED, SENIOR U.S. IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL WHO SHOULD BE VERSED IN EVERY PHASE OF IMMIGRATION WORK WOULD BE ASKED TO GIVE A LECTURE OR TWO A DAY FOR 5 DAYS A WEEK FOR ONE MONTH'S TIME. HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS WOULD BE PROVIDED AS WELL AS ROUND TRIP AIR TICKET.

4. ALTHOUGH CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION NOTED THAT IT MAY BE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULT FOR U.S. IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL TO REMAIN LAGOS ONE MONTH, MR. UMAR WAS ADVISED THAT THE PLAN WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR DISCUSSION WITH THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE IN WASHINGTON,D.C.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY WELCOMES THIS OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO BE RESPONSIVE ONCE AGAIN TO NIGERIAN NEEDS AND ALSO HOPEFULLY

TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE INPUT TO FMG THINKING AND PROCEDURES
IN DIFFICULT IMMIGRATION AREA. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT
INS PROVIDE AN OFFICER AS REQUESTED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE: WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD SERVE OVERALL INTERESTS OF U.S.-NIGERIAN
RELATIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY SO WE CAN RESPOND
TO FMG.
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